iChinese Study Partner (iCSP)
User's Manual

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1. SYSTEM REQUIREMENT

The program is compatible with the following operating systems:

- Windows 2000
- Windows XP
- Windows Vista, both 32-bit and 64-bit
- Windows 7, both-32 bit and 64-bit

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2. PROGRAM INSTALLATION

Important: The installation needs the administrator's privilege.

If you got this program in a CD, put the CD in the drive and double click the installation file **Setup.msi.**.

If you downloaded the software from internet, extract all files to a new folder, and then start the installation by double clicking the file **Setup.msi**.

Once installation starts, simply follow the instructions popped out on the screen. [TOC]

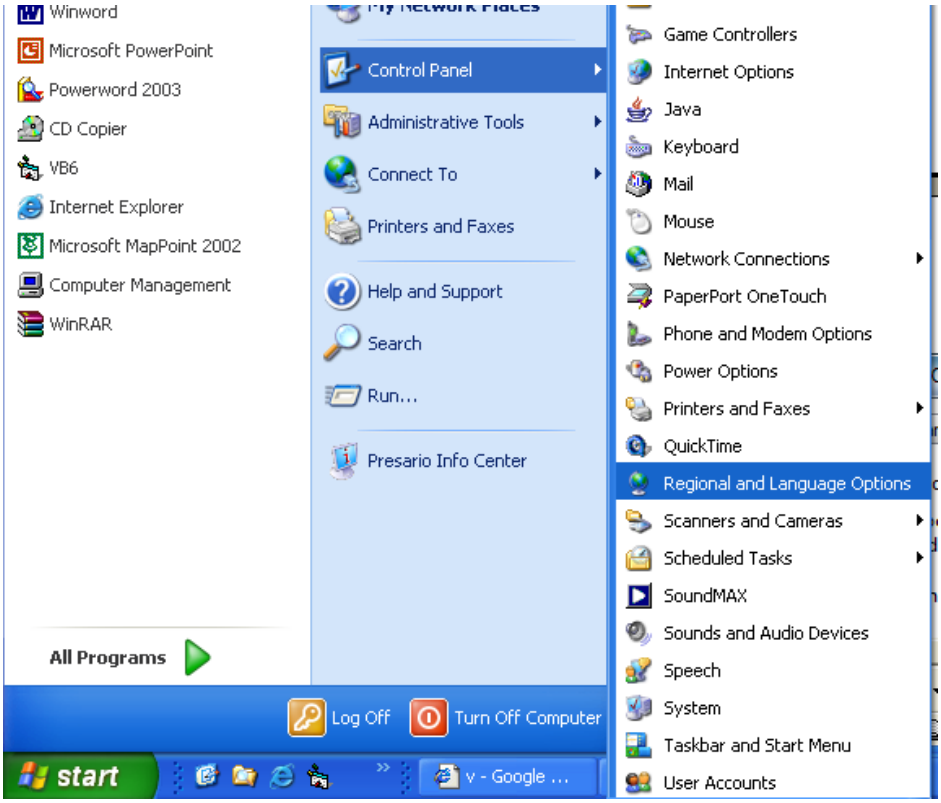
3. LANGUAGE SETTING

Important: To make the following settings, you must have the administrator's privilege.

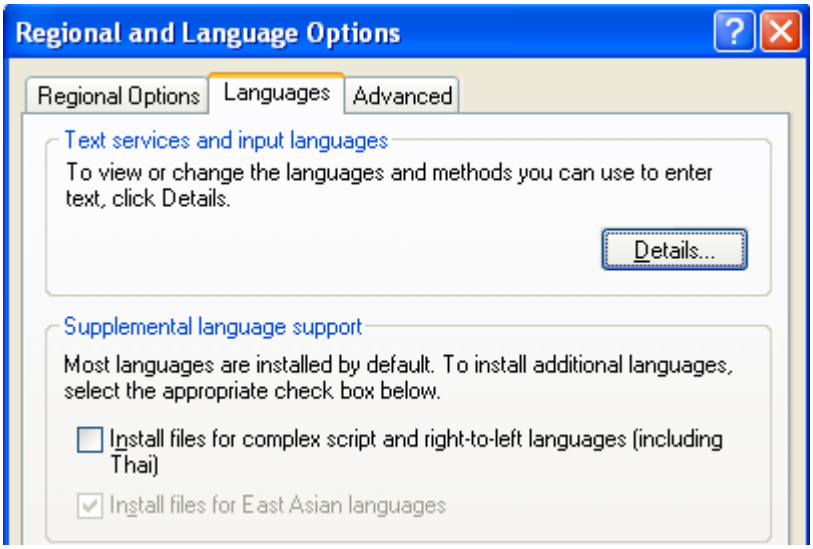
To display Chinese characters properly, it is necessary to set your computer to Chinese environment (you can switch between Chinese and English language settings later). Since most current computers are using Microsoft Windows xP or Vista, the following paragraphs will focus on these two operating systems. For Windows 2000 user, please look for similar solutions from online help or from internet. It is a very popular topic; therefore it will not take you too much time to get the right answer. For Windows 7 users, the setup is similar to Windows Vista.

For language setting, follow the following instructions:

3.1. Windows XP:



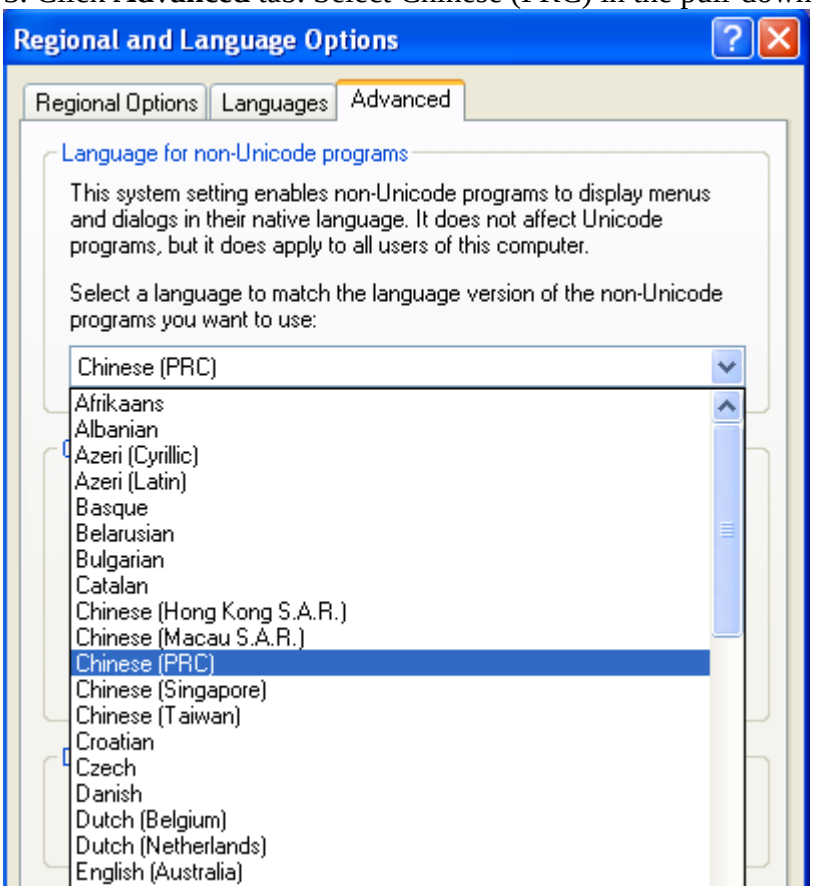
1. Click Start→Control Panel→Regional and Language Options (as shown above, or try to find this icon: in the pop-out window of **Control Panel** and double-click it), then you will get the window shown below:


Regional and Language Options
Regional Options
Languages
Advanced
Text services and input languages
To view or change the languages and methods you can use to enter text, click Details.
Details...
Supplemental language support
Most languages are installed by default. To install additional languages, select the appropriate check box below.
Install files for complex script and right-to-left languages (including Thai)
Install files for East Asian languages

(An alternative to get this window is to enter "**Control Panel\Regional and Language Options**" in the address bar of your Windows explorer.)

2. Click **Languages** tab, check Install files for **East Asia languages** box (in the picture above, the check box is grayed out because it has been selected and taken effect).

3. Click **Advanced** tab. Select Chinese (PRC) in the pull-down menu.



3. By clicking OK, you will be prompted to restart the computer.

4. Reboot your computer.

Now you computer is ready to run iCSP.
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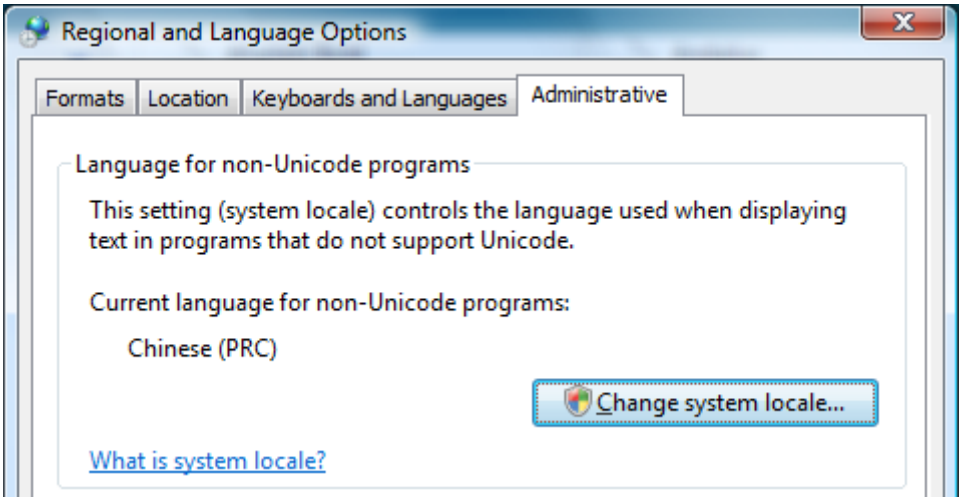
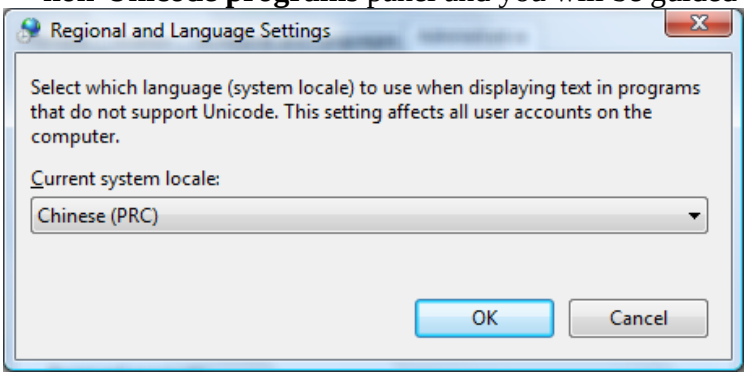
3.2. **Windows Vista** and **Windows 7**

1. Click Start→Control Panel→Regional and Language Options (or double click the icon: found in the Control Panel window), then you will get this window:


Regional and Language Options
Formats
Location
Keyboards and Languages
Administrative
Language for non-Unicode programs
This setting (system locale) controls the language used when displaying text in programs that do not support Unicode.
Current language for non-Unicode programs:
Chinese (PRC)
Change system locale...
What is system locale?

(An alternative to get this window is to enter "**Control Panel\Regional and Language Options**" in the address bar of your Windows explorer.)

2. Go to the **Administrative** tab, click the button **Change system locale…** on the **Language for non-Unicode programs** panel and you will be guided to the following window:


Regional and Language Settings
Select which language (system locale) to use when displaying text in programs that do not support Unicode. This setting affects all user accounts on the computer.
Current system locale:
Chinese (PRC)
OK
Cancel

3. In the **Current system locale** pull-down menu, pick up **Chinese (PRC)**. By clicking **OK**, you will be prompted to restart the computer.
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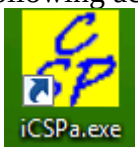
4. PROGRAM ACTIVATION

Except for the demo version, all iCSP programs need to be activated before the first use.

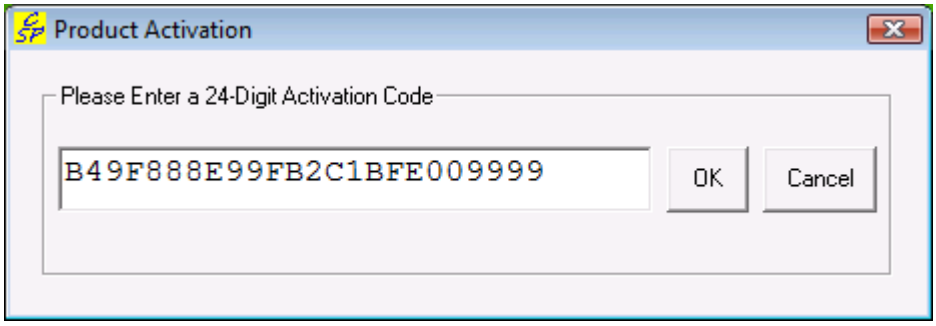
Demo users can skip this section and jump to the next topic: Software Features.

a) Start the program by one of the following actions:

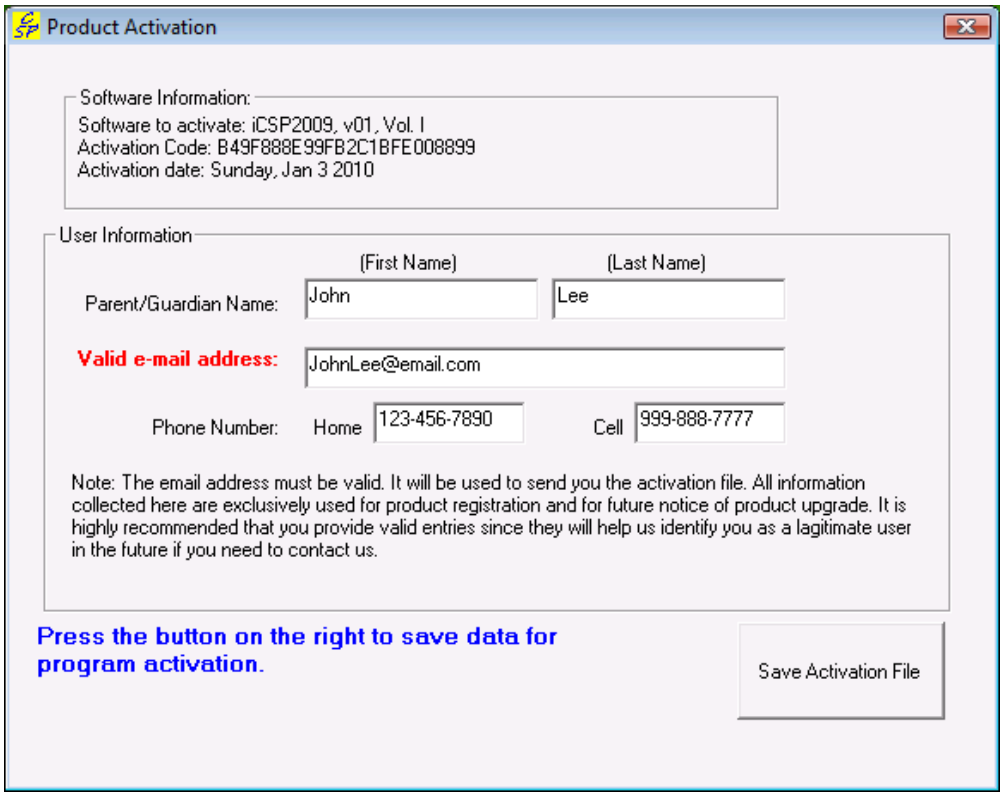
- Double click the icon such as 

on the desktop
- Double click the program file in the program folder, such as c:\iCPSa\iCSPa.exe.
- Click the program name, such as iCSPa.exe in the Start menu

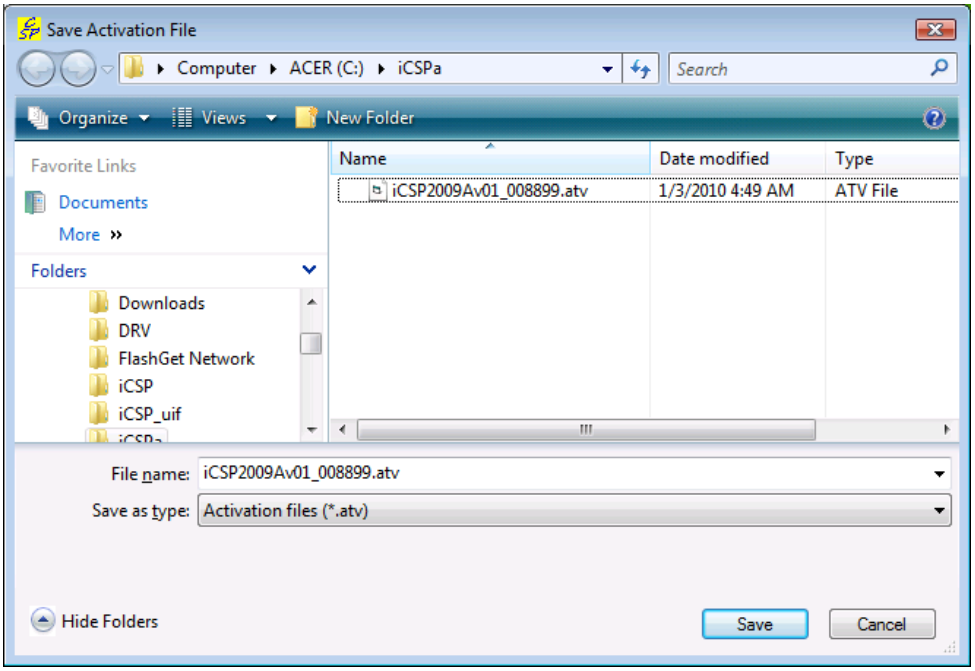
b) Enter the 24-digit activation code, which can be found on the CD tag, in the pop-out window as shown below. Then click OK.



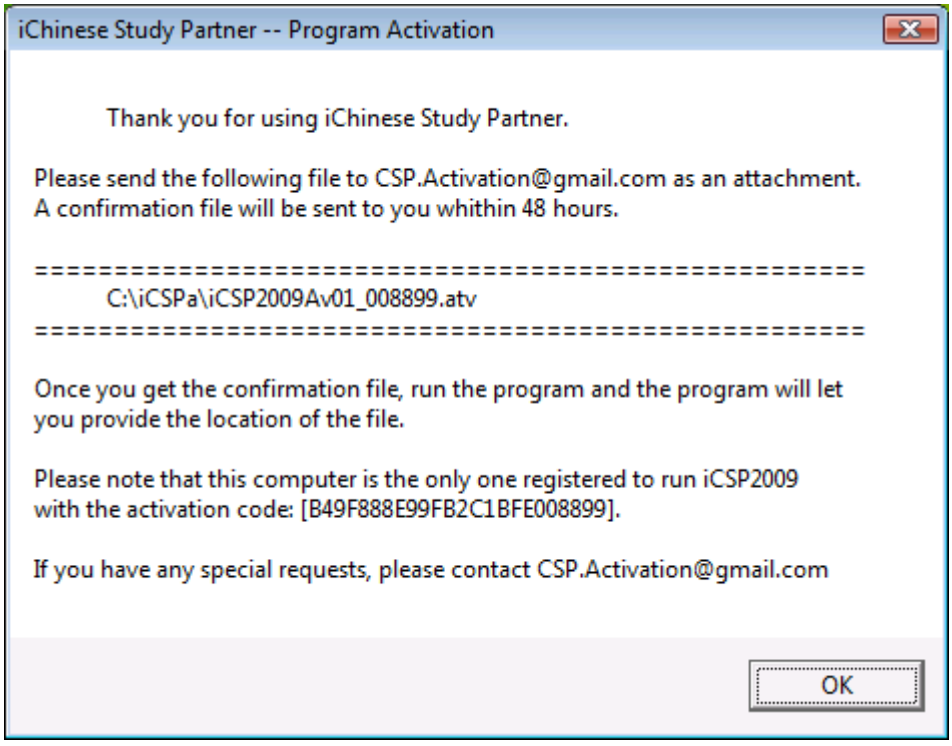
c) Fill out user information in the form as shown below. Then click Save Activation File button.


Product Activation
Software Information:
Software to activate: iCSP2009, v01, Vol. I
Activation Code: B49F888E99FB2C1BFE008899
Activation date: Sunday, Jan 3 2010
User Information
(First Name)
(Last Name)
Parent/Guardian Name:
John
Lee
Valid e-mail address:
JohnLee@email.com
Phone Number:
Home
123-456-7890
Cell
999-888-7777
Note: The email address must be valid. It will be used to send you the activation file. All information collected here are exclusively used for product registration and for future notice of product upgrade. It is highly recommended that you provide valid entries since they will help us identify you as a lagitimate user in the future if you need to contact us.
Press the button on the right to save data for program activation.
Save Activation File

d) Specify folder and file name for the activation file. By default, the program saves the activation file in the folder where the program is installed. The activation file name has been initialized based on the activation code and the program to be activated. It is suggested to accept the default data.



e) Click the Save button. Then the instruction on how to do next is shown in a new screen as shown here.


iChinese Study Partner -- Program Activation
Thank you for using iChinese Study Partner.
Please send the following file to CSP.Activation@gmail.com as an attachment.
A confirmation file will be sent to you whithin 48 hours.
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C:\iCSPa\iCSP2009Av01_008899.atv
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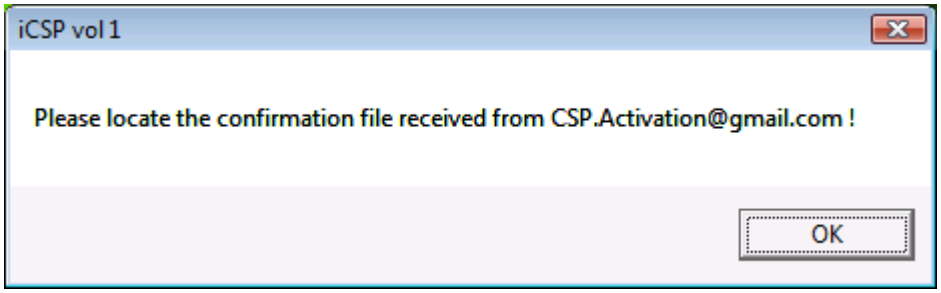
Once you get the confirmation file, run the program and the program will let you provide the location of the file.
Please note that this computer is the only one registered to run iCSP2009 with the activation code: [B49F888E99FB2C1BFE008899].
If you have any special requests, please contact CSP.Activation@gmail.com
OK

f) As instructed, send the activation file to csp.activation@gmail.com

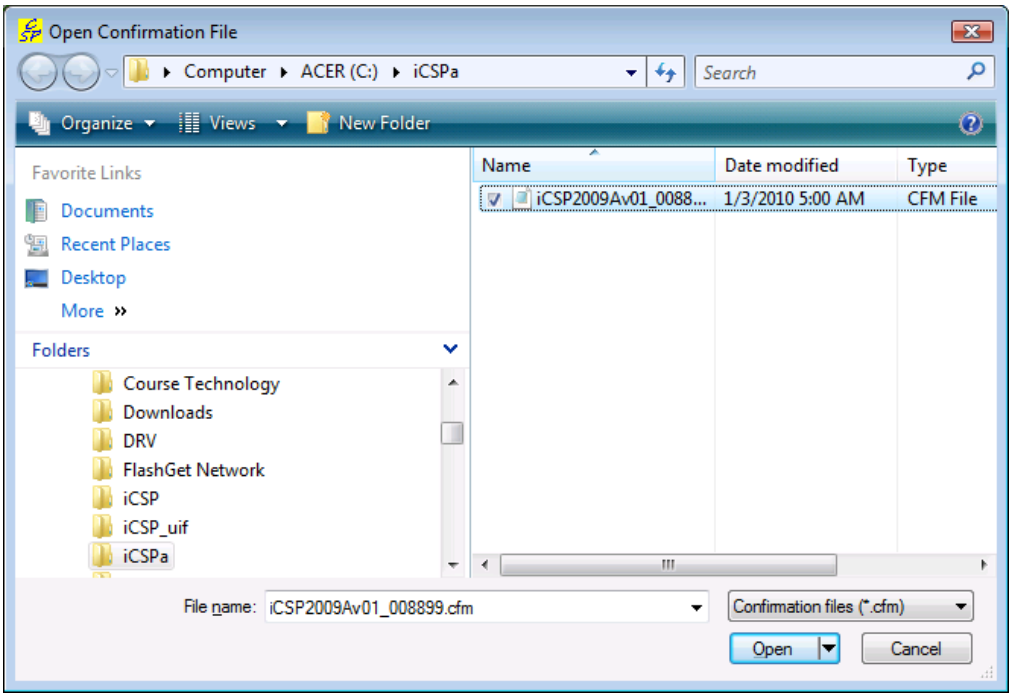
g) Within 48 hours, you will receive a confirmation file from csp.activation@gmail.com. Download and save it to the folder where the program is installed, e.g., c:\iCSPa

h) Repeat step a) to start the program.

i) A new instruction is popped out as shown below:



j) Click **OK**. Then specify the confirmation file received from csp.activation@gmial.com in the new window:



k) By clicking **Open**, the program will start to run. This concludes the activation process!

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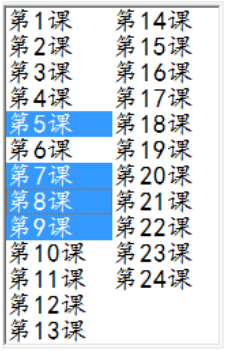
Enjoy the iCSP features (described below)! [TOC]

5. SOFTWARE FEATURES

5.1. Common Feature

You can freely select any lesson or lessons to review. Multiple lesson selection is supported.

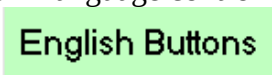


- To select a consecutive group of lessons, click the first item, hold down the SHIFT key, and then click the last item.
- To select a consecutive group of lessons without using the keyboard, drag the mouse pointer to create a selection around the outside of all the items you want to include.
- To select nonconsecutive lessons, hold down CTRL, and then click each item you want to select.

You can change lessons at any time, during or before reviewing work. After selected lesson(s) got changed, the list words (characters) used is changed automatically.

5.2. Chinese/English User Interface

By default, all buttons on the screen except for the fourth button on the left panel—language control button (LCB)—are in English. The LCB toggles between

and 

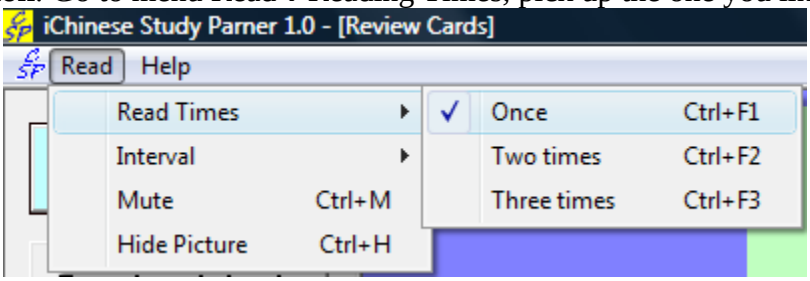
when clicked. By clicking LCB, you can change the text language of all other buttons to Chinese or English, as shown below:

Chinese Interface

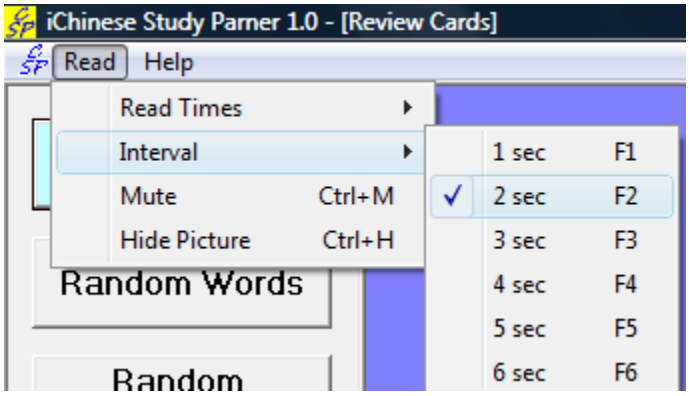
English Interface

5.3. Review Cards / 复习生字卡

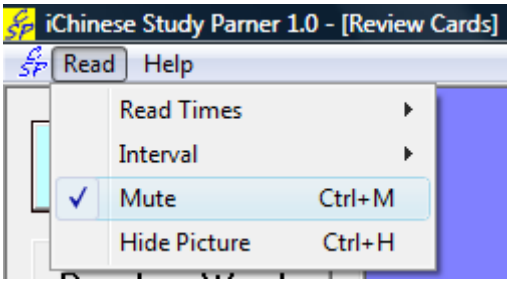
Autoplay: The program plays all cards in the selected lessons repeatedly (rewinding to the beginning of the list after a round is completed). By default, each card will be read three times. During the first time, time picture is shown on screen. Picture disappears during the second and the third readings. The default duration between two readings is 3 seconds.
Pause: This button allows your kid(s) to break without missing any words. After (s)he is ready, resume to play with the same button.
Stop: Stops autoplay and rewinds to the beginning of the list.
Next/Previous: These buttons allows you to skip or go back to the one played recently during autoplay. Or without autoplay, you can freely browse within the selected lessons.
Repeat-time selection: Go to menu Read→Reading Times, pick up the one you like from the list.



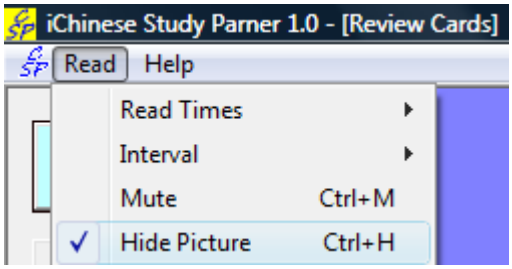
Reading duration selection: Go to menu Read→Interval, pick up the one you like from the list.



Mute: You can go over all cards with the sound turned on or off.



- **Hide Picture**: You can choose to hide or display pictures during playing (also refer to the picture above).



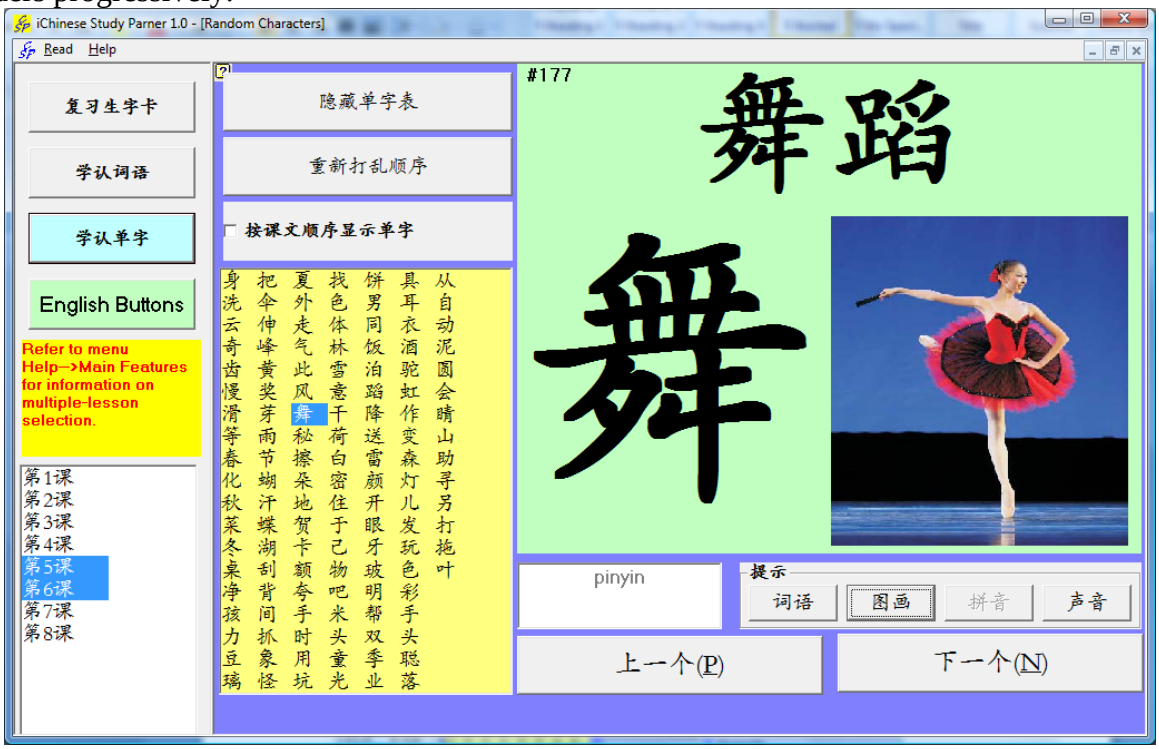
5.4. Random Words / 学认词语

With this function, your kid(s) will be able to review all words (s)he learned in a random order (you can definitely choose to display in the same order as in the book). By default, the program does not display related pictures, nor does it play sound. But your kid(s) may use them as reminders.

- 随机显示生词 / 按课文顺序显示生词: These two buttons allow you to choose to go over the cards in random order or not.
- **Reset List**: This button allows you to reset the list of the words.
- 图画 / 声音: These two check boxes provide two types of reminders if (s)he feels hard to recognize the shown words. When jumping to the next/previous word, both boxes will be cleared.

5.5. Random Characters / 学认单字

With this function, your kid(s) will be able to review all characters (s)he learned in a random order (you can definitely choose to display in the same order as in the book). By default, the program does not display related words or pictures; nor does it play sound. But your kid(s) may use them as reminders progressively.



- 按课文顺序显示单字: This check box allows you to show characters in the selected lessons in the order as in the book. For it to take effect, press the 重新打乱顺序 button.
- **Reset Table**: This button allows you to reset the character list (if the check box mentioned above is checked, you may not see the difference when pressing this button.
- 词语/图画/声音: These three buttons provide reminders in a progressive manner: when a new character is displayed, by default, the related word and picture are hidden and the sound is not played. At the moment, only the button 词语 is the only choice of reminder. When this button is pressed and the word is displayed. Only at this time is the next step reminder 图画 available to use. The highest level of reminder is 声音. Typically, for my child, the first level of reminding is sufficient after a couple of days of study. [TOC]

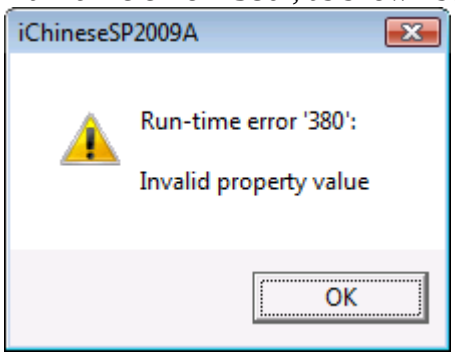
6. TRICKS IN USING THE SOFTWARE

Open the file **DifficultWords.txt** in the program directory—by default it is c:\iCSP2009A, c:\iCSP2009B, c:\iCSP2009C, or c:\iCSP2009F for volume I, II, III and all three volumes, respectively.

This file recorded the characters your child feels hard and he/she needs to use reminders (words, picture or voice) during single-character reviewing process. It is very convenient for you to track your kid(s)'s performance and review these characters with him/her.

This file accumulates over time unless you delete its contents selectively every now and then. [TOC]

7. TROUBLESHOOTING / QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Item	Problem Description / Questions	Analysis	Solution / Answer
a)	**Run-time error '380'**, as shown below: 	The computer is not set properly for Chinese programs.	Please follow the instructions in the Language Setting section (click here).
b)	The program keeps asking me to specify confirmation file. But I don't have it.	You should have received the confirmation if you have sent the activation file from csp.activation@gmail.com. If you don't have it, you may not have sent the activation file to that email address.	Please send the activation file to csp.activation@gmail.com. You will get the confirmation file within 48 hours.
c)	Where can I find the activation file?	Unless you changed the folder to save the activation file, it is saved in the same folder as the program, e.g., c:\iCSPa\, c:\iCSP2009A, etc. **Note:** Please carefully follow the instructions shown on the screen at each step during the activation process.	
d)	The program is not compatible with my computer.	You may not have the latest version of software.	Go to the iChinese's website http://ichinesestudy.org/iChineseSoftware/ to download the latest version of software. Your activation code will be the same as original.

8. FEEDBACK

If you have any suggestions to improve the software, or if you encounter any technical problems, please send emails to: csp.activation@gmail.com.